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CC: care of Agent for Service of Process Lucius C. Conrad 4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1100 San Francisco, CA 94111-4179

Dear Mr. Chandran:

Alice J. Bradfield, Kristina Bradfield, Daniel Bradfield, Merideth Bradfield and Hillary Bradfield (the "Bradfields") are residents of the City of San Pedro, County of Los Angeles, State of California, which is in close proximity to the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach. The Bradfields have an interest in reducing health hazards to the public posed by toxic chemicals and protecting the public from harmful substances.

This letter constitutes notice that the entity listed below has violated and continues to violate provisions of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.5 et seq. Specifically, this entity has violated and continues to violate the warning requirement at § 25249.6 of the California Health and Safety Code, which provides, "No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual..."

Alleged Violator: CHEMOIL CORPORATION and CHEMOIL MARINE TERMINAL

CHEMOIL CORPORATION and CHEMOIL MARINE TERMINAL, operates a liquid bulk terminal and diesel-powered ships that load and off-load cargo at Pier F Berths F209, F211, Pier G Berth G211A at the Port of Long Beach. Operation of this terminal consists of the use of

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locomotives, on-road heavy duty trucks, and cargo handling equipment including, but not limited to, yard trucks, side-picks, rubber tired gantry cranes, and forklifts. Operation of this equipment causes the release of diesel engine exhaust into the environment. Operation of the diesel-powered ships also causes the release of diesel engine exhaust while at birth. Diesel engine exhaust is known to the State of California to cause cancer.

At all relevant times and continuing to the present time, this entity has exposed and continues to expose residents within the State of California including, but not limited to, the Bradfields, to high levels of diesel engine exhaust, a carcinogen. Exposure has occurred, and continues to occur, through breathing in, and dermal contact with, the diesel engine exhaust released by this entity. The above referenced exposure occurs beyond the property owned, operated or controlled by this entity and affects many individuals, but not limited to the Bradfields who reside, work or are otherwise located in proximity to the property owned, operated, or controlled by this entity.

Because diesel engine exhaust is a chemical listed in Proposition 65 as a cancer-causing chemical, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 this entity was, and is, required to provide clear and reasonable warnings to all persons who come into contact with, or who may come into contact with, this carcinogen. The warnings must state that a chemical known by the State of California to cause cancer are present. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d), the Bradfields intend to bring suit in the public interest against the above named entity sixty days hereafter to correct the violation occasioned by the failure to warn all California residents to the exposure of diesel engine exhaust.

Pursuant to 22 California Code of Regulations § 12903(b)(1), attached is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary," a summary of Proposition 65 prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d)(1), the undersigned hereby includes the attached Certificate of Merit, to wit, that the undersigned has consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has or have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of this notice, and that, based on that information, the undersigned believes there is a reasonable and meritorious case. Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of this Certificate of Merit is included with the notice that is served on the Attorney General and is provided to that office in confidence and is not to be disclosed except according to law.

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The Bradfields reside at, 207 Amar Street, San Pedro, California, 90731, telephone (310)514-1525. They are represented in this matter by the law firm of Rose, Klein & Marias LLP: 801 S. Grand Ave., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-4645. All communications concerning this matter should be directed to Christopher P. Ridout of Rose, Klein & Marias, LLP.

Very truly yours,

ROSE, KLEIN & MARIAS LLP

Christopher P. Ridout

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

### I, Christopher P. Ridout, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- (2) I am attorney for Alice J. Bradfield, Kristin Bradfield, David Bradfield, Merideth Bradfield, a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, Kristin Bradfield, and Hillary Bradfield, a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, Kristin Bradfield.
- (3) I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has/have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is subject to the action.
- (4) Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
- (5) The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), *i.e.*, (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: October 27, 2005

Christopher P. Ridout

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801 South Grand Avenue 11th Floor

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Attorney on behalf of Alice J. Bradfield, Kristin Bradfield, David Bradfield, Merideth Bradfield, a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, Kristin Bradfield, and Hillary Bradfield, a minor by and through her guardian ad litem, Kristin Bradfield.

### APPENDIX A

# OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

# THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. The reader is directed to the statute and its implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

Proposition 65 appears in California law as Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 12000 through 14000.

### WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Governor's List." Proposition 65 requires the Governor to publish a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list must be updated at least once a year. Over 550 chemicals have been listed as of May 1, 1996. Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under this law. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving those chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings. A business is required to warn a person before "knowingly and intentionally" exposing that person to a listed chemical. The warning given must be "clear and reasonable." This means that the warning must: (1) clearly make known that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed. Exposures are exempt from the warning requirement if they occur less than twelve months after the date of listing of the chemical.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water. A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Discharges are exempt from this requirement if they occur less than twenty months after the date of listing of the chemical.

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| 2  | STATE OF CALIFORNIA  |
| 3  | STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) ss.  |
| 4  | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )  |
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| 6  | I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 801 S. Grand Avenue, Eleventh Floor, Los |
| 7  | Angeles, California 90017-4645.  |
| 8  | On October 27, 2005, I served the foregoing document described as PROP 65 LETTER AND ENCLOSURES on all interested parties in this action by placing  |
| 9  | [X] a true copy [] the original  |
| 10   | thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:   |
| 11   | (SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST)  |
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| 13   | [X] (BY CERTIFIED MAIL 1013a, 2015.5 C.C.P.)   |
|  | I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice, this document will be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on  |
| 15   | this date with postage thereon fully prepaid at Los Angeles, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if      |
| postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than on | postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.  |
| 17   | [X] (STATE)  |
| 18   | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.   |
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| 20   | I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.   |
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